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FOOD PROCESSING DATA, SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1953.  
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SUGAR REFINERY BEGINS PRODUCTION -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 21 Nov 53

The state-operated Sunkiang Ho-p'ing Sugar Refinery began production on 20 November 1953. The construction of this factory was undertaken in May 1952. It will be able to produce about 18,000 tons of refined sugar annually.

IMPROVED FOOD PROCESSING STRESSED -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 16 Nov 53

Improvement in processing and in transportation and storage practices will save 142,200,000 catties of rice in Szechwan annually according to Szechwan Provincial Food Department estimates.

Northeast wheat and rice processing plants will save 130 million catties of these two grains annually by better methods.

The T'ien-shui flour mill in Kansu has increased production of flour from 78.5 to 83.81 catties per hundred catties of wheat. Ningsia millers will save 470,000 catties of wheat during the fourth quarter 1953 by better processing.

The Hsi-ning flour mill in Tsinghai increased production in the first 10 days of November 1953 by 30 percent. This will represent a saving of 2 billion yuan annually to the national economy. Throughout the province production of flour per 100 catties of wheat has been raised from 73.5 percent to 77.11 percent. Throughout the Northwest the state-operated food handling agencies can affect an annual saving of 11 million catties of wheat by greater care, and 13.5 billion yuan can be saved in reduced expenses. From April through August 1953, 20,400,000 catties of wheat were saved in the Northwest by better processing.

One Tientsin state-operated grain handling concern has been losing 800,000 catties of grain a year through poor sewing of sack tops.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 17 Nov 53

In East China an increase of from 4 to 5 catties of flour milled from each 100 catties of wheat, if universally carried out, will mean an annual savings of approximately 100 million catties of flour that are now lost.

During October 1953, the Shou-feng private flour mill in Tientsin saved 150,000 catties of flour by improved processing methods.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 29 Nov 53

The Min-sheng Flour Mill in Pao-t'ou, Suiyuan, increased its daily output of flour from 600 sacks to 1,100-1,200 sacks.

SOVIET GRAIN CLEANING EQUIPMENT IDLE BECAUSE OF LACK OF TECHNICIANS -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 7 Nov 53

In 1951, 150 items of grain cleaning equipment and 20 conveyers were purchased by the Northeast from the Soviet Union but they lay idle for almost 3 years because of lack of technicians to operate them. Under the guidance of Soviet technicians, they are now being put to use.

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